SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

The Socialist & Democrat Group has a clear and coherent vision of the future of transport:

- guarantee free movement of people and goods;
- ensure social and territorial cohesion throughout Europe;
- contribute to sustainable growth and competitiveness;
- develop high social and environmental standards.

To meet Europe's climate change targets, our key strategic aim is to cut carbon emissions from transport to zero in the coming years.

Europe has three key instruments to achieve these goals:

- adequate funding for Trans-European Networks and other transport infrastructure, to equip Europe with a modern transport system;
- research and development focused on intelligent transport systems and on raising energy efficiency and improving social and environmental impacts;
- regulating for higher standards.

Making the Polluter Pay

Each form of transport should bear the full cost of its impact on society and the environment. We strongly support the European Commission's plans to develop techniques for putting a price on these **external costs**, so that environmentally damaging forms of transport, for example, become more expensive, while sustainable transport becomes cheaper.

The S&D Group has won an important first victory on this, through the battles in 2009 on the **Eurovignette Directive**[1]**,** a draft European law on charging heavy goods vehicles for road transport for their external costs. Our MEPs won a majority in the European Parliament for a very ambitious and innovative approach. We will fight for these far-reaching proposals through the next stages in the legislative procedure - first a position from the national governments of the EU as a reaction to our proposals, then a second vote in Parliament. Stay tuned and follow our progress!

Ten Year Targets for Sustainable Transport

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[1] Directive 2006/38/EC, under revision by procedure COD/2008/147, first reading voted on 11/03/2009

The S&D Group has set out a radical vision of sustainable transport, with a set of measurable targets to deliver a safer, cleaner, more environmentally friendly transport system by 2020:

- 50% reduction in deaths and serious injuries on the roads;
- doubling of bus and rail use in urban areas;
- 20% reduction in CO_2 exhausts emissions from road traffic;
- 20% of energy for rail from renewable sources;
- railway rolling stock and infrastructure to have the most advanced interoperability and safety systems;
- 30% reduction in aircraft pollution in EU airspace;
- zero growth in air transport carbon emissions;
- 30% growth in financial support for sea and inland waterway ports, including better links with rail.